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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 2, 2004, please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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In order to aid the applicant in his effort to comply fully with his duty to disclose material information to the Office, the applicant requests that if an Examiner in one of the applications 09/858,163 or 10/143,158 cites an additional prior art reference, that the reference be made of record in the remaining application, and considered by the Examiner of the remaining application. Applicant is desirous of avoiding the situation where additional art references or bases for rejections are presented in a first of the above applications after close of prosecution on the merits in a second of the above applications.

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, applicant believes all of the claims of the present application to be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests reconsideration and passage to allowance of the application.

If the Examiner believes that contact with applicant's attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call applicant's representative at the phone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0289.

Respectfully submitted,

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